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This book provides current coverage of the present state of libraries and publishing in the United States and abroad. It has almost 1,000 entries and is divided into two sections. The first section is an alphabetical listing of countries from around the world. Each entry provides data about the political and economic condition of the country, illiteracy rate, and ratio of library holdings to inhabitants. More specific information is then included about the number of libraries and their holdings, the number of publishers, and the number of books and newspapers published per year. Libraries of special note are indicated. The second section contains information on quotations about books and librarians; biographical sketches of noted people in the field of librarianship; representations of book-related topics in creative works; and a selection of stamps with books, newspapers, and libraries and a topic. This book also provides a guide to Latin terms used in the book world; information on job search strategies for librarians; library awards and grants; and advice for librarians and supervisors. Appendices contain "ten golden rules" for librarians and library supervisors; the Library Bill of Rights; book classifications; the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto; American Library Association awards; and online and electronic network "smilie" symbols and meanings. (Author/AEF)

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